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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for National Estimates**

**SUBJECT : Research on Current Trends in  
Soviet Economic Policy**

**REFERENCE : Your memo of 13 November 1953, same  
subject**

1. We in ORR are very conscious of the need for analyzing current trends in Soviet economic policy, particularly in respect to apparent shifts toward greater support to the consumer goods field. Research underway in ORR since October is directed toward an analysis of the extent and impact and these apparent changes within the Soviet economy. Enclosed is an outline of a project currently underway which will be issued as an Intelligence Memorandum near the end of December 1953.

2. We feel that this amount of time will be required to complete a study based on more than speculation. However, if additional data become available and the planned accomplishments to be issued in February are illuminating, ORR intends to expand the study of current trends into a more definitive finished intelligence report to be issued sometime in March or early April.

3. ORR is extremely pleased to be in receipt of the referenced memorandum and shall carefully consider the points outlined.

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